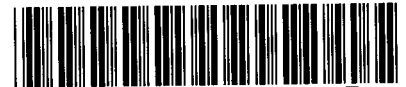


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Antonio Gill

From: Saturday, July 30, 2011 3:27 PM
Sent: Pierce-Web
To: Southwest Gas Increase in Rate
Subject:

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What is going on? Last week we got a notice that APS was going to increase their rate. I wonder how these companies think the retired people are going to pay. Obama and Congress felt it was not necessary to raise our Social Security check because our cost of living had not raised. I wonder where they have been! Of course, they raised their own salary.

You know, Mr. Pierce, I contributed money to your election and heard you speak and felt sure you would protect us from rate increases. How many is this in the past 3 years. I am single, live on a limited income and I'm getting scared!

Irene Parker

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Senator Jon Kyl
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July 18, 2011

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Senator Kyl:

I thought you might be able to use this as yet another example of how government is already over taxing and over regulating American citizens and our economy. (But, of course, they still must have more.) Have you ever taken a close look at an APS electricity bill? The charge for the actual amount of electricity used is only about half of the bill! (55.2%) Now, besides six line item charges that are nothing more than APS overhead costs amounting to 22.4%, (including a \$2.10 charge for sending me their bill), there are five line item charges for federally imposed fees and surcharges that amount to 10.8% and finally, we have five line items of taxes and fees imposed by City, County and State government which total 11.6%. Interestingly, the government taxes, fees and surcharges are the same percentage as the APS overhead - 22.4%.

The most exasperating thing about all of this is that ALL of these government charges are required to be paid with net income (after income tax dollars).

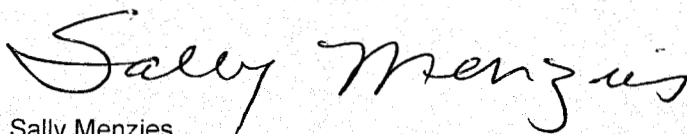
Now it gets even MORE RIDICULOUS:

One of the line item charges is the Systems Benefits Charge which is to "cover the costs of programs approved by the Az. Corporation Commission". Another, is the Environmental Benefits Surcharge which is to "cover the costs of the programs approved by the Az. Corporation Commission". Then, in order to double the insult, there is the Regulatory Assessment which is "a cost imposed on customers of state-regulated utilities to help fund the Az. Corporation Commission. Didn't we already pay state income taxes and sales taxes which, we are told is required to fund government services? Isn't the Az. Corporation Commission part of state government we have already paid for? I guess not. This is just one example of why the economy is in such poor condition. Besides the enormous amount of money the government extracts from our economy, there are simply TOO MANY REGULATIONS!!!

I am sure that with a little research, you could find hundreds more examples of double and triple taxation by our parasitic government bureaucracy. It seems to me that we are destined to have totally socialistic country sooner than later.

I hope you find this a worthwhile subject.

Sincerely,



Sally Menzies


Conservative Americans are now awake and we are watching

CC Senator John McCain
Congressman Trent Franks

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Duane and Esther Marie Capps

Sun City, AZ

MEMO TO: Denise Hutchenson, APS Customer Service Director
CC: Pinnacle West Capital Corporation – To Whom it May Concern
→ Gary Pierce, Chrm., AZ Corporation Commission
Max Wilson, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (via email)
DATE: Wednesday, 27 July 2011
FROM: Esther Marie Capps 
SUBJECT:

We are getting conflicting "use of energy" reports from APS. Unfortunately, we are hostages of APS because we do NOT have a natural gas alternative.

Monthly billing statements continue to show our home as using "least" energy, and I quote: congratulations! Your home used less energy than most of the similar homes in your area. HOWEVER, a week ago, we received our 3rd (?) Home Energy Report for above account number for Report Period 05/26/11 – 06/24/11. EACH of these Home Energy Reports show that we use 13% (or a similar%) more energy than Efficient Neighbors (the most efficient 20% from the "All Neighbors" group, "ALL NEIGHBORS: approximately 100 occupied, nearby homes (avg 0.10 miles away)". That is 528ft. Does APS REALLY know whether a snowbird, or empty home has turned off electricity, or a year round resident's requirements within the 528 ft radius of each electric meter?

APS has no idea of what the energy NEEDS are for my husband and me. I am an AK amputee, and my husband has severe Rheumatoid Arthritis, plus there are three (3) brain and body implants for his Hydrocephalus, and he MUST NOT fall.

HOWEVER, we probably have the most energy efficient home within that 528 ft radius, with a 2" Styrofoam Stucco covered outside, double pane windows, sunscreens which replaced the metal ones (still on homes nearby) a 3-yr old NEW AC/Heater, an extra 12" attic insulation, all lights have CFL bulbs, and we are buying LED lights. Appliances are 6 years old or less, and most of them are "Energy Star".

It is my personal opinion APS is wasting stockholder money with all of its mailings regarding "Home Energy Reports", but continues to ask the Corporation Commission for permission to increase rates. Spending money does NOT make money.

If any of you have questions, please give me a call.

THANK YOU!

PS. I grew up on a SE Nebraska farm, and lived with 32volt electricity provided by a wind-tower.